

**SOCIAL WORK SECTION
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 1, 2011**

PRESENT: Eric Alvin, George Kamps, Nicholas Smiar, Daryl Wood

EXCUSED: Mary Jo Walsh

STAFF: Dan Williams, Bureau Director; Colleen Baird, Legal Counsel; Kimberly Wood, Bureau Assistant; Sharon Henes, Paralegal; and other Department staff

GUESTS: Charles Zastrow and Mary Weeden, George Williams College; Cindy West and Dr. Steve Stein, Upper Iowa University; Bill Heiss and Tracy Schroeffer, UW Madison; Joe Purcell, Dane County Social Worker; Joanne Barndt; Leslie Zersen; Don Daniels; Michael Wallace, UW-Whitewater and Wisconsin Council on Social Work Education (WCSWE)

CALL TO ORDER

George Kamps, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. A quorum of four (4) members was present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Eric Alvin moved, seconded by Daryl Wood, to approve the agenda as published. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 13, 2011

Amendments to the Minutes:

MOTION: Eric Alvin moved, seconded by Daryl Wood, to approve the minutes of April 13, 2011 as published. Motion carried unanimously.

**9:00 A.M. - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: PUBLIC HEARING ON
ADMINISTRATIVE RULE MPSW 3.13, RELATING TO THE SOCIAL WORK
TRAINING CERTIFICATE (SWTC)**

George Kamps, Chair, presided over a public hearing relating to the social work training certificate. Marc Herstand provided oral comments and a paper document in support of the Section's proposed rules.

**Section Review and Response to Clearinghouse Report and Public Hearing
Comments**

The Section reviewed a report outlining comments from the Legislative Clearinghouse regarding rule changes to MPSW 3.13, Wisconsin Administrative Code and discussed how to respond in the legislative report. Sharon Henes provided written comments submitted by David Dies, Educational Approval Board, requesting technical revisions.

MOTION: Nicholas Smiar moved, seconded by Daryl Wood, to authorize Eric Alvin to approve the revisions to the rule draft based on the Clearinghouse Report, to address the comments received at the public hearing, and to approve the final report to the legislature and the filing of that report. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Dan Williams informed the Section that receipts are no longer required for the purpose of meal reimbursement.

**PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED STIPULATION AND ORDERS OR ANY
RECEIVED AFTER MAILING OF AGENDA**

Jennifer E. Berger, C.S.W. (DOE Case # 07 SOC 073)

Aaron Konkol, Division of Enforcement (DOE) Prosecuting Attorney, provided the Section with a presentation of the Stipulation, Final Decision and Order in the matter of disciplinary proceedings against Jennifer E. Berger, C.S.W. (DOE Case # 07 SOC 073).

**9:20 A.M. APPEARANCE: SCHOOL PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVES –
DISCUSSION OF STREAMLINING THE SOCIAL WORK TRAINING
CERTIFICATE (SWTC) PROCESS**

Bill Heiss and Tracy Schroepfer, UW Madison; and Judy Martin, UW Green Bay, appeared before the Section to discuss the possibility of streamlining the SWTC process for students of part-time programs. Charles Zastrow, George Williams College, participated in Section discussion. The Section took no action on this topic.

CLASS 1 HEARINGS ON DENIAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE

**9:45 A.M. APPEARANCE – Leslie Zersen: Class 1 Hearing on the Denial of
Application for Social Work Training Certificate**

Leslie Zersen and her supervisor, Don Daniels, appeared before the Section in support of her application for a clinical social worker license. Ms. Zersen provided additional documentation in support of her appeal to the Section. The Section will deliberate on this matter during closed session.

SECTION DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE IMPACT ON WISCONSIN CONSUMERS RELATIVE TO THE LOSS OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING RIGHTS FOR PUBLICALLY EMPLOYED SOCIAL WORKERS

George Kamps and Eric Alvin reported to the Section regarding a meeting they participated in with Secretary Dave Ross and Michael Berndt, General Counsel. The Section discussed how to move forward in terms of identifying the impact to the public as a result of the loss of collective bargaining rights for publically employed social workers.

The Section received comments from the individuals noted below regarding the impact to clients of publically employed social workers as a result of the loss of their collective bargaining rights.

- Marc Herstand, NASW-WI Chapter
- Joe Purcell, LCSW – This individual addressed the Section and provided a copy of written letter he had sent to George Kamps as the Section Chair.
- Mary Weeden, George Williams College

MOTION: Nicholas Smiar moved, seconded by Daryl Wood, to adopt the resolution as presented by Eric Alvin. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Nicholas Smiar moved, seconded by Daryl Wood, that the adopted resolution be distributed to members of the legislature, the Wisconsin Chapter of NASW, to wispolitics.com, to Secretary Dave Ross of the Department of Regulation and Licensing, and to Governor Scott Walker by member Alvin. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF THE REQUEST SUBMITTED BY UW-STEVENSON POINT FOR COURSE APPROVALS TO PARTIALLY SATISFY THE PRE-CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SWTC

The Section reviewed this request and took the following action:

MOTION: Eric Alvin moved, seconded by Nicholas Smiar, to approve the five courses submitted to the Section by UW-Stevens Point to partially satisfy the pre-certification requirements for obtaining the SWTC. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF WHETHER TO DESIGNATE A SECTION MEMBER TO RESPOND TO SURVEY REQUEST FROM LOYOLA UNIVERSITY

The Section considered a designation of a Section member to respond to the survey of Loyola University and acted as outlined in the motion below.

MOTION: Eric Alvin moved, seconded by Nicholas Smiar, to authorize George Kamps to respond to the survey request of Loyola University. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ON POSSIBLE WEBSITE IMPROVEMENTS AND REVIEW OF FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF SOCIAL WORK

In the interest of time the Section decided to take up this matter at its next meeting. In the interim the draft was approved for web posting and may be subject to change at a future meeting.

MOTION: Eric Alvin moved, seconded by Daryl Wood, to approve the Practice FAQ draft for posting to the department website with amendments outlined by Nicholas Smiar, and to continue review and discussion of the practice question draft at a future meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

SECTION DISCUSSION OF SUPERVISORY STANDARDS

Review and Consideration of Supervisory Attestation Forms Drafted by George Kamps

George Kamps distributed and reviewed a revised draft of application form # 2560 Documentation of Post-graduate Clinical Experience-Supervisor's Affidavit for Social Work License.

MOTION: Eric Alvin moved, seconded by Nicholas Smiar, to approve the revised form # 2560, as amended at the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE AND INQUIRIES RECEIVED BY LEGAL COUNSEL

The Section reviewed this practice question and provided direction in terms of response to Colleen Baird.

STATUS OF RULES AND STATUTES

Colleen Baird briefly reviewed the status of pending rules and statutes.

SCREENING PANEL REPORT

Eric Alvin reported to the Section that the screening panel reviewed six (6) cases, closed five (5) cases and requested additional information on one (1) case.

CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Nicholas Smiar moved, seconded by Daryl Wood, to adjourn to closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(a)(b)(f) and (g), to review applications, deliberate on proposed stipulations, deliberate on administrative warnings; deliberate on hearings or appearances for denial of applications; review monitoring cases; review DOE cases, and consult with legal counsel. Roll Call Vote: Eric Alvin-yes; George Kamps-yes; Nicholas Smiar-yes; and Daryl Wood-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board convened into Closed Session at 12:24 p.m.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

MOTION: Daryl Wood moved, seconded by Eric Alvin, to reconvene into open session. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 3:56 p.m.

VOTING ON ITEMS CONSIDERED OR DELIBERATED ON IN CLOSED SESSION IF VOTING IS APPROPRIATE

APPLICATION REVIEWS OR ANY RECEIVED AFTER THE MAILING OF THE AGENDA

11:30 A.M. APPEARANCE: Tammy Giannopoulos – Licensed Clinical Social Work Application

Tammy Giannopoulos appeared before the Section with her supervisor to answer questions regarding her Licensed Clinical Social Work application.

MOTION: Eric Alvin moved, seconded by Nicholas Smiar, to approve the Licensed Clinical Social Work application of Tammy Giannopoulos once all requirements have been met. Motion carried unanimously.

11:40 A.M. APPEARANCE: Gregory Gintz – Licensed Clinical Social Work Application

Gregory Gintz appeared before the Section to answer questions regarding his Licensed Clinical Social Work application.

MOTION: Daryl Wood moved, seconded by Eric Alvin, to approve the Licensed Clinical Social Work application of Gregory Gintz once all requirements have been met. Motion carried unanimously.

11:50 A.M. APPEARANCE: Nicole Majinski – Licensed Clinical Social Work Application

Nicole Majinski appeared before the Section with her supervisor to answer questions regarding her Licensed Clinical Social Work application.

MOTION: Nicholas Smiar moved, seconded by Daryl Wood, to approve the Licensed Clinical Social Work application of Nicole Majinski once all requirements have been met. Motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE WARNING(S) OR ANY RECEIVED AFTER MAILING OF THE AGENDA

12:00 P.M. APPEARANCE: M.L., Respondent – 10 SOC 018

M.L., Respondent, and Jim Polewski, DOE Prosecuting Attorney, appeared before the Section to present their respective positions relating to this appeal of the issuance of an administrative warning I case number 10 SOC 018 review.

MOTION: Eric Alvin moved, seconded by Nicholas Smiar, to reaffirm the administrative warning issued against M.L. in case # 10 SOC 018. Motion carried unanimously.

DELIBERATION ON CLASS 1 HEARINGS FOR APPLICATION DENIALS OR ANY RECEIVED AFTER MAILING OF THE AGENDA

Leslie Zersen – Application for Social Work Training Certificate

MOTION: Nicholas Smiar moved, seconded by Daryl Wood, that based on the information provided, the application for Social Work Training Certificate of Leslie Zersen is approved. Motion carried unanimously.

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Jennifer E. Berger, C.S.W. (DOE Case # 07 SOC 073)

MOTION: Eric Alvin moved, seconded by Nicholas Smiar, to adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Stipulation and Order in the matter of disciplinary proceedings against Jennifer E. Berger, C.S.W. (DOE Case # 07 SOC 073). Motion carried unanimously.

**DELIBERATION ON PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE WARNINGS
INCLUDING ANY RECEIVED AFTER MAILING OF AGENDA**

09 SOC 042

MOTION: Nicholas Smiar moved, seconded by Eric Alvin, to issue an administrative warning in the matter of case number 09 SOC 042. Motion carried unanimously.

**REVIEW APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS
FILE REVIEW FOR MAY 31, 2011**

CLINICAL FILES

Approved

Breach, Laura
Cannon, Pamela
Crabtree, Amanda
Daniels, Amy
Ezman, Darlene
Gotto, Rhonda
Hanson, Timothy
Izzo, Michael
Imhoff, Heather
Koene, Nancy
Lindblad, Carrie
Loescher, Bret
Murray, Michelle
Paulus, Heather
Poehlmann, David
Szydel, Heather
Ypma, Lindsay

More Information Requested

Barfknecht, Leslie
Dunham, Lisa
Haupt, Kathryn
Khalar, Angela
Schultz, Elizabeth
Strother, Karen
Swan, Gary
Young, Caroline
Zangle, Todd

Intent to Deny

Krause, Kelly.
Lehr-Reuber, Erica

Deny

Bronson, Judith

Review by Legal

Sanford, Mary

Misc Review (Responses Provided)

Guszkowski, Ted
Pernecke, Christine

SWTC FILES

Approved

Albert, Jill (Experience)
Amacher, Ashley (Experience)
Becker, Tabitha (Degree)
Blanke, Kelly (Experience)
Conley, Kelly (Experience Pre-Approval)
Drumgoole, Margarita (Experience)
Foley, Autumn (Experience Pre-Approval)
Mieska, Lori (Experience)
Miller, Lisa (Experience Pre-Approval)
Moore, Debra (Experience Pre-Approval)
Murphy, Kayla (Experience)
Nemke, Lena (Experience Pre-Approval)
Pritchard, Monica (Experience)
Schofield, Ivy (Degree)
Shulze, Heather (Courses)
Taylor, Patricia (Experience)

Not Approved

Mieska, Lori (Course)
Mojzych, Karin (Course)
Wollberg, Anna (Course)

More Information Needed

Barebo, September (Experience)
Tyree, Rosemary (Experience)
Wesle, Megan (Courses)
Wirtz, Melissa (Experience)

Deny

Namovicz, Laura (Degree)

Miscellaneous File Review (Response Provided)

Allen, Amanda

MOTION: Daryl Wood moved, seconded by Nicholas Smiar, to approve the applications approved, deny the applications denied, and to request further information on applications where needed. Motion carried unanimously.

DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT

Case Status Report

The Section reviewed a report detailing its pending enforcement cases.

Case Closings

11 SOC 033

MOTION: Nicholas Smiar moved, seconded by Eric Alvin, to close case 11 SOC 033 for prosecutorial discretion (P5). Motion carried unanimously.

11 SOC 015

MOTION: Daryl Wood moved, seconded by Eric Alvin, to close case 11 SOC 015 for no violation. Motion carried unanimously.

DOE SIGNATURE COLLECTION

Signatures were collected for all required documents.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Daryl Wood moved, seconded by Eric Alvin, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 3:59 p.m.